

## **CITY OF LAKE FOREST**

### **SPORT FIELDS PARKS**

#### **○ SPORT FIELD COURTS**

- Basketball, Tennis and Skate Courts are blown/swept and cleaned daily before noon.
- Basketball, Tennis and Volley Ball nets are inspected weekly and replaced as needed.
- Power washing of court surfaces is done once a month or more often if needed.
- Painting, lining and resurfacing of courts is on a five year schedule.

#### **○ BASEBALL INFIELD MAINTENANCE**

- Infield regular dragging, edging, sweeping, hand watering, adding material and leveling is done daily.
- Infield deep dragging is done at least once a week or more often as needed.
- Infield watering is done daily.
- Infield mounds are rebuilt or repaired daily.

#### **○ SPORT FIELD LIGHTING**

- The sport field lights are normally on during the playing season. They are adjusted seasonally as needed. Their normal operation hours are from 4 or 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. (during fall/winter) and from 6 or 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. (during summer).
- The sport field lights are changed once a year during the summer closure. Depending on the number of lights in the area that are out, a second change may occur during the winter closure.
- Batting cage lighting hours of operation are changed as needed.

#### **○ WALKWAY, PARKING AND RESTROOM LIGHTING**

- The walkway lights hours of operation are adjusted seasonally as needed. Regular hours are from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Interior restroom lights operate with a motion sensor.
- Light poles are inspected weekly and any repairs are done as needed.

#### **○ WALKS AND TRAILS**

- The sport field parks do not have trails to maintain.
- Foothill Ranch Community Park has a DG path around the soccer fields that is maintained by the City's contractor. This path is groomed daily and renovations are done as needed.

#### **○ PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT**

- The playground equipment is inspected for safety visually on a daily basis. Once a month an in depth inspection is done to ensure safety compliance. If at any time a defective

component is found, the affected component is removed and the area is made safe for the public.

- The playground fiber is groomed every day and rototill done monthly. Replenishment of this fiber is scheduled to be done on a yearly cycle.
- Playground equipment has been replaced at Foothill Ranch Community Park and Borrego Park. Shade sails have been installed at these locations for the user benefit.
- Both Rimgate Park and Tamarisk Park playground equipment structures will be replaced during these upcoming months and will also have shade sails as part of a CIP project.
- Playground equipment is power washed at least monthly.

○ **SAND AREAS**

- Sand areas are groomed daily.
- Sand replenishment is done as needed.

○ **SPORT FIELD RESTROOMS**

- Janitorial service is done daily during the early hours of the morning.
- Daily visual inspections are done to ensure restrooms are clean, toiletry is replenished, areas have no graffiti, toilets and sinks are operational and the areas are safe.
- Facilities' painting is done yearly.
- Graffiti coating is done as needed on the outside of the buildings.

○ **SPORT FIELD SIGNAGE**

- Park Rule Signs are posted at every park location, normally at the entrances.
- Bulletin boards are used by the Community Services Department to announce upcoming events and activities.
- Sport Courts have restrictive signs posted at the entrances to the facilities warning not to use the courts for any other use than what they were designed for.

○ **SPORT FIELD LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE**

• **IRRIGATION**

- Sport Field Park irrigation is inspected weekly and set according to the needs of each location, taking in consideration the prevalent water restrictions in effect. Because of the high usage of these facilities, some issues may arise between the water needs and the usage of the parks. The City's contractor strives to maintain the balance between these activities and keeping the parks well irrigated.

• **TURF**

- All turf areas are aerified and fertilized monthly. This is done to alleviate the compaction due to the high usage of these parks.
- Summer renovations are done during the months of June-August to repair and improve the playing areas. Turf replacement, seeding and repairs are done as

needed. Some areas of the Sport Field Parks are closed to the public and temporary fencing is used.

- Trash and paper picking is done daily.

- **FIRE ANTS**

- Fire Ants in sport field parks, (call Vector Control). Vector Control conducts periodical inspections for Fire Ants throughout their assigned areas.

- **SHRUBS**

- All plant material is care for and maintained regularly. Plant materials are pruned to preserve their natural look as permitted.
- Mulch is used to add an aesthetically pleasant environment and to avoid weeds in conjunction with pre-emergent material. This mulch is replaced as needed.
- Paper and trash picking is done daily.

- **TREES**

- Total tree inventory in our Urban Forest is 14,028 trees. The number will change as more parks and other areas are added, and as more Expand the Forest trees are planted.
- The City of Lake Forest Urban Forest is in a five year pruning cycle, but staff's goal is to efficiently manage the trimming to reduce the City to a four year cycle.
- The City's maintenance contractor prunes the low growing tree branches in the sport field parks to maintain a pedestrian clearance of 8 feet as needed.

- **EXPAND THE FOREST TREES**

- Expand the Forest trees are planted as requested by residents and within the restrictions of a sport facility usage.
- The Public Works department staff pre-plans each park location to determine the best suited tree for that particular site.

- **SPORT FIELD STRUCTURE AND HARDSCAPE MAINTENANCE**

- Doggie bag containers are inspected and refilled daily before noon. This City service is available to help residents keep the environment of our Sport Field Parks as clean as possible. It is not intended to replace the responsibility of each individual pet owner for the cleaning up after their pets and the use of their own supplies.
- Sidewalks are inspected daily, grinding and/or replacement is done as needed.
- Parking lots are blown off daily and if repairs are needed, they are noted on a log. Resurfacing of parking lots is on a five year cycle.
- Drinking fountains are cleaned and inspected daily. Repairs are done as needed.
- BBQs are cleaned daily and repairs or painting are done as needed.
- Picnic tables are inspected and cleaned daily. They are power washed as needed.

- Picnic shelters are blown off or swept daily. They are power washed at least monthly.
- Red and Blue Curbs are painted monthly.
- Graffiti is removed within 24 hours from reporting date.
- Trash receptacles are emptied daily before noon.